i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth day of life and love and wings: and of the gay great happening illimitable earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any—lifted from the no of all nothing—human merely being doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

—e.e. cummings

March 31, 2024

9:30 a.m.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Roberts, Elder

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

<u>Prelude</u> Mary Coffman

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Lynda Perkins

*Call to worship (please rise as able) Carol Roberts & Congregation (by Edward Young, adapted by William Billings)

L: The Lord is risen!

- P: The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
- L: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.
- P: Hallelujah!
- L: Hear, O ye nations; hear it, O ye dead.
- P: He burst the bars of death and triumphed over the grave! Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn

CH #216 (All)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Invocation

Carol Roberts & Congregation

We praise you, LORD our God, because when you raised your Son Jesus Christ from the dead you transformed what should have been a tragic ending into a hopeful beginning. We thank you for the gift of an empty tomb. We are here today to worship you. Come and be present with us, to hear our prayers and our praises, and to strengthen us to accept the challenge of finishing the story that began at the empty tomb, in the name of the One by whose name we have been called, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #227 (All)

"In the Garden"

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer - "The Lord's Prayer"

Sharla Hulsey

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

Carol Roberts & Congregation

Psalm 118:14, 17, 19-24 (United Methodist Hymnal)

- L: The LORD is my strength and my power; the LORD has become my salvation.
- P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- P: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- L: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P: This the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Special Music

Adult Choir

Lyssa Lile

"Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"

<u>Scripture</u>

Message

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Mark 16:1-8

Sharla Hulsey

"I went to a fight and a hockey game broke out"

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #226 (All)

"He Lives!"

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings

Diaconate

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*<u>Doxology</u> CH #47

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication Carol Roberts

<u>Call to Communion</u> Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #224 (All)

"Christ Arose"

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Carol Roberts

<u>Distribution of the Elements</u> Diaconate

Everyone is welcome at Christ's Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction Sharla Hulsey

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn CH #225 (1)

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

* Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey Greeter: The Lile Family

Elder: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Lyssa Lile

Deacons: Carol Hedrick,

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Lyssa Lile Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Outreach Mission

This April, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with donations of *personnel hygiene products*. Examples: Individual toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap/bodywash, shampoo/conditioner, denture products, disposable razors. Bring donations to the church throughout the month. Thank you!

• KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Committee started a "Ketch-up" campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Ketch-Up" campaign.

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Food Pantry and Pantry Thrift Store need volunteers. The pantry is especially in need of some strong backs to work on the dock carrying food from trucks. If interested, contact the Food Pantry, 660-679-3951, or the Pantry Thrift Store, 660-227-6101.

- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 p.m.
- No choir practice on April 10th

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship (*Easter*) 10:30 a.m. Life Group

Tuesday, Apr. 2: 6:30 p.m. **Disciples Women**

Wednesday, Apr. 3: 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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Friday, Apr. 5: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Son Shine Ladies

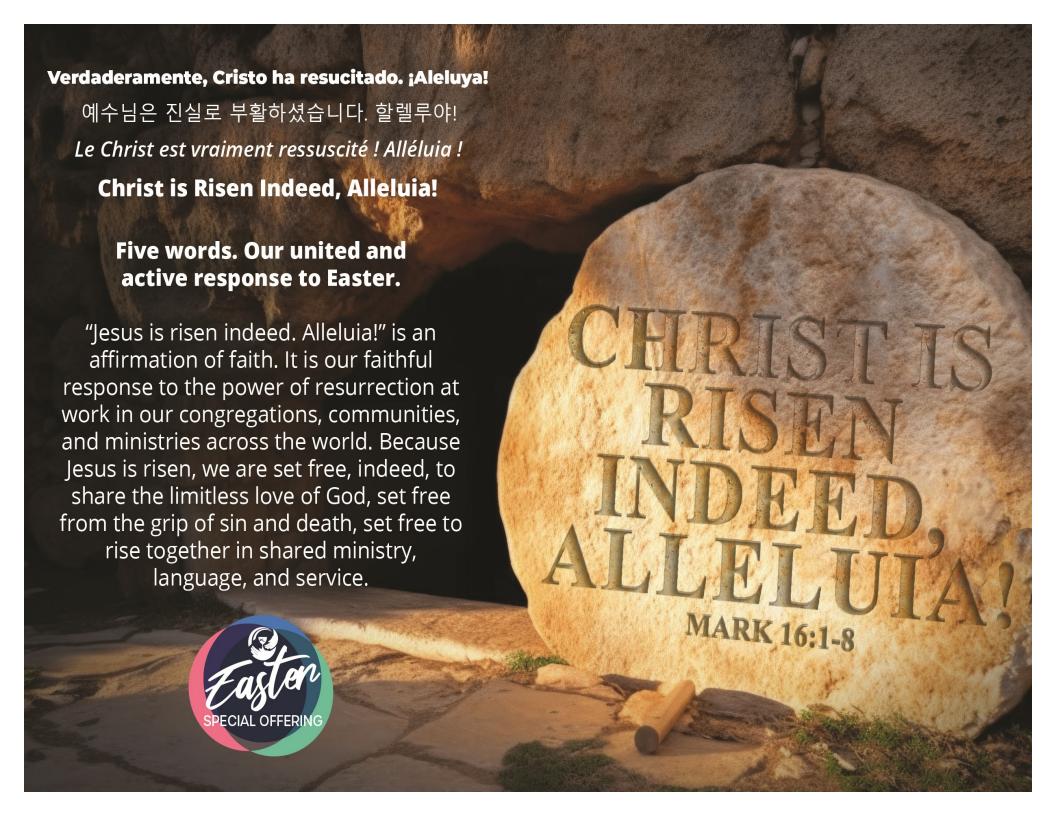
NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Apr. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Life Group

Wednesday, Apr. 10: 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, Apr. 12: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Son Shine Ladies



Verdaderamente, Cristo ha resucitado. ¡Aleluya!

예수님은 진실로 부활하셨습니다. 할렐루야!

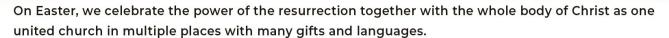
Le Christ est vraiment ressuscité! Alléluia!

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Received in most congregations

SUNDAY MARCH 24 & 31, 2024

Supporting general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. General Ministries of the Christian Church share the good news from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth through:



- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- · Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshiping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- · Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by conflict and climate change.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- And so much more...

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana), Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on March 24 and 31 in your congregation or make a gift at <u>disciplesmissionfund.org/give.</u>